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Jesuits Assassins : OR THE POPISH PLOT

Further Declared,
And demonstrated in their Murderous
Practices & Principles.

THE FIRST PART.

CONTAINING,

- I. A Catalogue of our English Popish Assassins, swarming in all places, especially in the City of *London*.
- II. The History of the *Mahometan old Man of the Mountains* and his Assassins; and a comparison of him and them with the Pope and his Emissaries, in Doctrine and Practice.
- III. The Mysterious Secret of the Chamber of Meditations amongst the Jesuits.
- IV. The Examinations and Depositions of *Lund*, and others, about the Assassins and Assassinations now practised, or endeavoured by the Popish Emissaries, against his Majesty, his Nobles, and other his Protestant Subjects.
- V. The Earl of *Salisbury's* Answer to scandalous Papers, wherein he was threatned to be assassinated by the Confederates of the Gunpowder Traytors.
- VI. Proposals to Authority, for the better Extirpation of this Bloody Order.

With Reflections and Observations upon the several Relations.

All Extracted out of Dr. *TONG's* Papers, written at his first discovery of this Plot to his Majesty, and since in part augmented for publick Satisfaction.

L O N D O N :

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A Catalogue of the Persons Assassinated, Attempted, or Designed upon by the *Roman Assassins*, and of those *Assassins* themselves, so far as they are known.

Assassinated, or Suspected to be made away.

Sir Edmond-Bury Godfrey.
The Lancashire Witness sent up to testify of Arms found there.
The Body exposed in Westminster-Abby.
The Lord Arch-Bp of York's Chaplain.

Attempted.

The Shropshire Justice.
The Yorkshire Witness in Tuttle-street.
Macedo a Portuguese-Convert, several times assaulted, and twice shipt out of the Kingdom.
Dr. Saul, Dr. Luzancy, Mr. Mowbray, Mr. Tompkins, Mr. Baron, Mr. Arnold, and his Friend, Mr. Wren.

Designed upon by Name.

The King's Majesty.
Rupert, Prince Palatine of the Rhine, Duke of Cumberland.

The Lords of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council; particularly,

James, Duke of Monmouth.	Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury.
George, Duke of Buckingham.	James, Earl of Salisbury.
James, Duke of Ormond.	Arthur, Earl of Essex.
Thomas, Earl of Ossory.	George, Earl of Huttifax.

Herbert, Lord Bishop of Hereford.
Mr. Matthew Pool.
Dr. Stillingfleet.
Mr. William Hutchinson, alias Berry, a Secular Priest.
Dr. Exzerel Tonge. 1. For the discovery of the Jesuits Morals; And, 2. of their Plot to his Majesty.

All the principal leading Gentlemen of England, mentioned in the List taken with Green, and the April Traytors executed at Tyburn, 1656. or in the black Bill.

Principal Inciters and Procures of Assassins and Assassinations.

Thomas White, alias Whitebread, Provincial of the English Jesuits.	} All Jesuits.
Thimbleby, alias Ashby, Rector of St. Omers.	
Harcourt, Rector of London.	
Ireland, Fenwick, Keins, Gavan, Ewers, Gerald, Kelly.	

Other

Other Favourers and Abettors.

Edward Coleman Esq; Dr. Fogarty, Patrick Plunket titular Primate of Ireland. Handkinson, sometimes Manciple or Steward to the Savoy Benedictine Monks. Anthony the Portuguese, Servant to the Q. Confessor.

Assassins.

——Benedictine Monk who stab'd the Duke of *Soubize*, and shelter'd himself in *Somerset-House*; seen by Mr. *Oates* in the *Savoy*, but left there with the rest, and *Marsh* in particular, for want of Authority to take him.

Conyers, another Benedictine of the *Savoy*, and his Associates, *Keins, Prichard, Wellsb, Kelly, Lefaire*, alias *Feure*, *Gerald, Thomas Pickering, John Grove*, alias *Honest William, Robert Green, Henry Berry, Lawrence Hill, Philibert Vernat, Levison, Dethick*, Conscious and Associates with *Sir Edmond-Bury Godfrey's* Murderers. *Messenger*, sometimes Master of the Horse to the Lord *Arundel*, Attendant on *Dr. Sheldon*, Almoner to the Dutches of *Tork*. *Lang. Tryal*, p. 8. *Sir George Wak.* p. 20. *Anderton* the Benedictine; associated with *Conyers*.

Assassines who were to intoxicate the Lord Shaftsbury's Coachman.

Mattefon, a Barber, behind *Grays-Inn*.

Bradshaw, an Upholsterer, in *Queen-street*.

Humphrey Adamson, a Watch-maker, near *Turn-stile, Holborn*.

Benedict Proffer, a Silver-smith, in *Silver-street* in *Soushampton-Buildings*. These were the four Assassins accused by *France*, see his Book.

Many stout and hardy *Staffordshire* Assassins, whose Names are not known, chosen by *Ewers*, according to *Whitebread's* Direction; and the like in all Counties, many hundreds, as *Mr. Dugdale* believes.

Karne, Wilton, Broghil, Levalian, the four *Irish* Ruffians. *Fogarties* four Assassins not yet named: And *Flemin* the 9th of the *Irish* Ruffians; This *Flemin* was a Tory, that trusted so confidently to his personal Strength and Activity, as audaciously to refuse (after he had bin proclaimed, for many Villanies done by him) the favour of Transportation into any Foreign Country, graciously offered him, for the ease of those Parts he infested with his Robberies, &c. He was at length shot by some Troopers who pursued him; in his Pocket Papers were found, which entituled him to a chief place in this Red List. *Dr. Fogarty* Assassin or Poisoner. *Sir George Wakeman* a Poisoner. The *Yorkshire* Assassins, accused by *Baldron* and others; see the *Intelligence for City and Country*, relating *Sir Thomas Gascoins's* Tryal, not yet published. The 3 Assassins who assaulted *Justice Arnold*.

It is verily believed, they are some hundreds in all, who in their turns were to attend this execrable Service. To instance, *Conyers* at *Windsor* ten days, and then to remove to *L. B. House*. *Mr. Dugdale*, after his term over, was to go to *Standon*, the Lord *Aston's*, to avoid suspicion, easily raised, by the too long continuance of strange unknown Faces at Court.

Here we may add the many thousands *French*, and others, listed and armed for the general Massacre in the *London-Fire*, &c.

Memor. *Gerald and Kelley* drew in *France*, persuading him it was no sin, p. 64. Hist. Plot. *Gavan* and *Ewres* drew in *Dugdale*, by the example of *Garnet* and his Miracles, and of some Scripture Example. *Plunket*, alias *Cock*, Popish Arch-Bishop and Primate of *Ireland*, encouraged *Flemin* by great Rewards, &c.

Here may be justly added *Groves* his Companions, the three *Irish* Incendiaries, who assisted him in burning and plundering *Sousmark*, in which work he surfeited himself, and had double pay for his double-diligence; *Strange* late Provincial of the *Jesuits*, *Barton, Penington*.

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David Nich. Keimash the Dominican, who lately died in *Newgate*, and all their Assistants, above fourscore *French* and *Irish* Incendiaries, who burnt and plundered the City of *London*; and namely, * *Marten Debamet*, Fringemaker, the Frenchman, who fired his own Lodging, apprehended in the Fact, and delivered to the Guards at *Bridewell*, by Mr. *N.* who is living to attest it. The two *Peters* who fired their own Lodgings upon *Snow hill*, having first removed all their Goods, save the Pallat they lay on; apprehended by Mr. *C.* then one of the Guards, but rescued by his Fellows, and dismissed.

With these also the Guards themselves, and *Romish* Pensioners, who dismissed them to proceed in their burning and plundering, are justly to be accounted as ready for any mischief; and particularly that Captain that refused Mr. *Middleton* to remove his own Goods with his own Cart, telling him, That that Cart which carried away one Load of his Goods, deserved to be burnt; which could tend to nothing but to mutiny the Citizens, that they might have a pretence to execute upon them their designed Massacre.

Dav. Nich. Blundell the Jesuits Catechist, substituted into Mr. *Oats* his room, for firing *Wapping*, and the Suburbs on that side the River, who did fire the Houses at *Limehouse-hole*, the 18th of *Septemb.* 1678. twelve days after Mr. *Oats* had made Affidavit of it, before Sir *Edmond-Bury Godfry*, and given his Majesty notice of their purpose in his Information.

Harcourt, and the other Jesuits who imployed Mr. *Bedloe*, and viewed the Tower, Bridg-houses, and other on the River, in order to the application of their Fire-Balls, &c. *Stubs*, *Gifford*, *Molrain*, who set *Eliz. Oxley* to fire Mr. *Birdans* House.

The Jesuits and their Assistants, who were to begin the Fire at the *Temple*, and carry it down to the *Savoy*. The Convent of the Benedictine Monks at the *Savoy*, who were to carry the Fire on to *Charing-Cross*. They who set on, and helped *M. Glark* to fire her Master, Mr. *De-la Noys* House near *London-Bridge*; and the other Maid formerly imployed in the like Villany; and the Boy at the *Minorities*.

* *Memorand.* This *Martin de Hamet*, or *Andrew Somers*, (for both those Names were found in his Indenture) was an Indenture-Covenant-Servant, to *Claud Lant* of the Parish of *St. Leonard Shoreditch*, a French Fringe-maker; and for better convenience to carry on the Fire, and to get Arms to be used in the Massacre, in case the French, then aboard their Fleet, had landed, and the the King thereupon bin assassinated, had taken a Lodging in *Robin-Hoods Court* in *Shoe-lane*, with the then Turn-spit of one of the Inns of Court; and firing his own Chamber, locked up his Door, and was taken going away with the Key, and his Indentures in his Pocket; and had entred himself in Captain *Burton's* Company of the Auxiliaries in *Shoe-lane*. The like may be presumed of many more of these Incendiaries. This *Memorandum* is more especially commended to the Officers of the Trained-Bands and Auxiliaries of *London*; because a very wise Man, and principal Counsellor to one of the German Princes, hath, in a Book he published in *French*, affirmed, That there are many such *French Papists* in the City of *London*, who in time of danger would turn to their Enemies and fight against them; and now only wait for the King's Death, or other opportunity to finish what they begun and designed against their Houses and Lives, by Fire and Massacre in the Year 1666.

Dr. Tonge hath the Original Indenture, and Witnesses to prove this whole Matter, to be produced when called for by Authority.

See Instances of the like Fires, Massacres, and Robberies, acted by Jesuits, and other Papists, in other Cities, in time of Peace, in the Doctor's Demonstration of the Fire-Plot, or the Jesuits Incendiaries at the end of that part.

The Assassins that assailed Justice *Arnold*, Mr. *Tomkins*, Mr. *Baron*, and others, may be here added when known.

Sir EDMOND-BURY GODFREY.

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ANAGRAM.

I find Murder'd by Rogues. Orrory.

True Justice by false Rogues Murder'd I find,
They seek in vain Heavens Righteous Eye to blind.

*Dog'd by Furies in Murder.**Dog'd by Murderin' Furies.*

By Rogues, Rome's Furies, dog'd, Murder'd, you Die,
Your Name, their shame, shall live Immortally.

Dy'd by Rome's rude Finger.

Rome in Saints Blood still her rude Finger dyes,
Mother of Murders, Lies, Idolatries.

Me dy' unburied! Dog-Friars!

Whom Cruel Dogs devour, unburied, lie
In Ditches, emblems of Friars Cruelty.

*Dun by Romes rigid fury.**Rome's rigid fury unbid.*

Rome's rigid fury unbid, on Murther flies,
And in Saints Blood her Scarlet double dyes.

*Dy'd by Romes reveng'd fury.**Rome reveng'd by Fury's dy'd.**Rom' dy'd by reveng'd Fury's.*

† Revenge, Revenge, Furies do Furies call,
Thy Death is Romes death, and thy Fall Romes fall. E. T.

EDWARD COLEMAN.

Anagram.

Lo a damned Crew.

Anonymus.

This Proto-Traytor, and a damned Crew
That follows, Lo Heavens Vengeance doth pursue.

Oe mad, and Cruel.

Whose Confession, King, Kingdom, Life, all three,
Might save, dies mute, Oe mad and Cruel he.

E. T.



The Publishers Preface to the following Relation
of the *Mahometan Assassins*, and their Com-
parison with the *Roman*.

Courteous Reader,

BE pleased to take notice that this following History of the *Mahometan Assassins*, and their Parallel with the *Papal*, was most of it inserted in Dr. *E. Tong's Royal Martyr*, as *Appendix* thereunto : For in the Treatise written partly about the Year 1672, and partly about the time of his Majesty's gracious Declaration for Indulgence, he endeavoured to discover and prevent, if possible, in some measure the Horrid Plots ever since the Reformation, and more especially in the Reign of our Royal Martyr *Charles* the First, carried on against the Royal Family, and still continued until this day, for the ruine and destruction of our Religion, and therewith of our Laws, Liberties, and Proprieties, therein necessarily involved ; and charged the Roman Emissaries to have designed all along since the Reformation, the Traiterous Parricide of our Protestant Princes, and namely, of King *Charles* the First, as well as King *James*, and Queen *Elizabeth*, and therein endeavoured to fortify the Testimony of the Reverend Dr. *Moulin* against them in that particular, discountenanced by many, and so sedulously suppressed by others, that when he endeavoured to promote an Edition of it about the time of the *London Fire*, he found it very difficult to obtain a Copy whereby it might be reprinted. And to the better awakening Publick Authority to such a Discovery and Prevention as he intended, He judged it convenient to set out this Parallel of our Modern *Papal*, with their Ancestors, the more Ancient *Mahometan Assassins*. The *Mahometan* cannot be denied the honour of the first-born of the Devil, the Murderer from the beginning in this Tribe of Regicides, though I find one of them envy him the Title, and allow him only to be an Ape of the Pope and Jesuits : But that these younger Brethren, and Successors from *Rome*, have far out-gone him in Principles and Practices, cannot be denied, as will be more clearly made out, when Dr. *Oates* shall be at leisure to perfect his *Narrative* of what he hath collected of their Practices in this kind from their own Archives ; by which it will appear, to admiration, most true, what *John* prophesied of that bloody City, That all the Blood of God's Martyrs is found in her ; who hath not only publicly struck at the Crowned Heads of all the *Defenders of our Faith*, but incessantly persued and sought to intercept all our budding Hopes, such as were those we conceived of *Edward* the Sixth, and Prince *Henry*. There thou wilt find that hardly any of our Royal Line hath hitherto escaped their Heads, or bin unattempted by them, if they came near the Succession, or gave hopes of zeal for our Religion.

This Discourse now seasonably, as I hope, committed to the Press, is in particular designed to stir up our Parliament, to provide more strict and effectual Means for preventing the like Attempts for the future, as in duty they are obliged, and to propose to our Princes, the generous Example of the Noble *Allon*, that they may diligently apply their Power and Authority, to suppress, extinguish, and revenge this shame to Humanity, Christianity, Morality, and Policy, as well

well as Religion, from the face of the Earth. That Blessing and Success with which it pleased God to promote the Doctor's weak Endeavours in this kind, in his former Writings, encourages him to proceed, notwithstanding the Envy, Malice, and many other great Discouragements he finds himself hereby daily more and more exposed to. His *Royal Martyr* was, if not the only nor chief, yet not the least Incentive to Mr. *Oates's* Adventure amongst them; who in the presence of a Learned and Famous Divine, did call God to witness, That he went not into their *Society* to change his Religion, but to discover, if he could, this detestable Plot, of which he had some Hints from others, and found more fully laid out, and by Historical Observations on the Sufferings of *Charles* the First from the *Romanists*, endeavoured to be made out and demonstrated to publick view in the Doctor's said Book. And as this was some motive to send him abroad, so the Doctor's Translation of the *Jesuits Morals*, (to be further dispersed and promoted by a Satyrical Index prepared for that purpose, and intended to be published with the third and best part of those *Morals* not yet printed) was a principal means whereby that happy Intelligencer got seasonable liberty to return and discover this Plot: for they who had kept him so close during his abode in *London*, in attendance on their Consultations in the Month of *April* and *May*, (that he by Providence only found Testimony of his being here) did watch and keep him so strictly at their College at *St. Omers*, till *June* 1678, that thereon they most confidently built their lately disproved Assertion, *That he never stirred thence*: So that he had no other hopes left him of escaping their hands, than by deceiving their Malice, and undertaking to poison, or otherwise destroy, the Author of those Books whose Name he concealed as unknown unto him; nor did their impotent Malice, which prompted them to such a barbarity, suffer him to return to his Native Country on that Errand, till they had loaden his Soul and Conscience with an Oath to poison, or otherwise destroy him, sealed with their abominable Sacrament of the Mass; by which they thought themselves infallibly assured, either to destroy the Doctor's Life, or his Soul. God of his infinite Mercy to his Majesty, these Churches and Kingdoms, hath thus far preserved us; If henceforth either by our own froward Contentions, or negligent Spirits, we frustrate the opportunity he hath opened for our escape, and attend not after Gratitude to God, Loyalty to our Prince, and mutual Charity and Toleration, the means of preserving and uniting God's Servants, and his Majesty's true Lieges; (so many as are found amongst us, in that Bond of Christ's Perfection and Strength) and to such provision and execution of good Laws, as may utterly exterminate and extinguish this cursed order of barbarous bloody Popish Regicides, Assassins, Spies, and Incendiaries, our second Error will be certainly worse than the first, and we shall justly provoke God, by tempting him, through neglect of Means, so unexpectedly offered us, to give us up to that folly which is the immediate forerunner of a certain ruin; which God of his unexpressable undeserved Mercy prevent. *Amen.*

As for the Doctor, he doth boldly protest, *Liberavi animam meam*, that he hath, by constant attendance on Parliament, according to his Station, for many Years, offered certain and infallible Means, for the execution of all good Laws, wisely contrived by our Ancestors, for the Glory of God, Honour and Safety of our King and Kingdom, and defeated in a great part by negligence in their degenerate Posterity.

The Assassins.

*Mat. Paris, p. 83.
Hen. Spelman,
Glossarium,
Assasini.*

WE have it from good Authority, (saith a Modern Historian, whose Authors are in the Margin, as he quotes them) that there was formerly a Sect amongst the *Turks*, called *Assasini*, (whence we say to *Assassinate*)

They lived in the Mountains of *Phenicia* towards *Tyre*. Their Government and chiefest Laws were these:

Their Governor, or Master, was not Hereditary, but Elective.

He, under the notion of Humility, as if he would be only the Servant of Servants, refused all lofty Titles, being only called, *The Old Man of the Mountains*.

He was honoured and worshipped as Vicar of *Mahomet*, and so their Father and Prophet.

They pretended to be such exact observers of their *Turkish* and *Mahometan* Laws, that all others seemed but as meer Cheats, or *Nonconformists* in respect of them.

They were led with that blind Obedience, that they never questioned their Master's Commands, were the Action never so dangerous, difficult, or wicked; and they never left off till it was finished.

Any Prince whom they either hated, or thought to be no Friend to them, or their Party, upon the least hint they would murder, though they were sure to suffer for it.

Whosoever murdered a Prince that was not of their Religion, they believed him to have the second Place, next to *Mahomet*, in *Paradise*.

For they also believe that the Old Man, their Head and Prophet, could also dispose of *Paradise*.

'Tis said that this Sect was long ago destroyed by the *Tartars*; and whether any who call themselves *Christians* have espoused their Tenents, I shall not say. Thus far my Author.

Marcus Paulus Venetus, in his first Book of the Eastern Regions, Chap. 27. gives us this Relation of the *Mahometan* Cut-throats, whom they called Assassins.

A Certain petty Lord of those Countries, commonly called *The Old Man of the Mountains*, a *Mahometan*, joined unto him a number of Cut-throats, whom they vulgarly called *Assasins*, and by their untameable boldness, killed whom he pleased, so that in a short time he became a terror to all. Now, he brought that about by this Imposture. There was in that Country a certain most pleasant Valley, encompassed round with very high Mountains; within which he planted a very great and pleasant Garden, replenished with odoriferous Flowers, sweet Fruits, and other delightful Herbs. He built also in that Garden certain extraordinary Palaces, wonderfully adorned with Pictures, and spared nothing that might be for ornament unto them. Neither was there wanting to that Garden, and those Palaces, divers running Streams flowing with Water, Honey, Wine

Wine, and Milk ; nor divers Instruments of Artificial Musick, with mellodious Tunes and Songs ; Dancings, Vaultings, Wrestlings ; rich Garments, and wonderful provision of all delightful Things ; not to stand in enumerating other carnal and fleshly Pleasures, (for so this modest Author passeth over all the other sensual Lusts, rather than Pleasures, wherewith the brutish Fancy of that Impostor *Mahomet*, did accommodate both his Laws, and *Paradise* it self, unto his rude and barbarous Disciples). All which certain young Men, there placed by him, did enjoy, according as they best liked ; neither had they any other Imploiment, than to live and enjoy that happy Life, giving no place to any Grief. There was also a very strong Castle purposely erected in the entrance of this Garden, kept and strengthened with a diligent Guard. The Ingress and Egress of this Garden lay through this Castle.

This Old Man, whose Name was *Aloadin*, kept also certain young and valiant Men, of bold and undaunted Spirit, whom he did train up to this very purpose, that they might execute that detestable design which he had formed in his Mind. He took care to have them instructed in the wicked Law of *Mahomet* ; with promises to such as observe and keep it, of all carnal Pleasures in the Life to come. And that he might make them more obedient to him, and to undertake any thing he pleased, at the peril of their Lives. He, at his pleasure, caused them, or some of them, to have a certain Drink given them ; by which they being intoxicated, became senseless, and oppressed with heavy and deep sleep : In the mean time they were brought into that Garden, who, their sleep being over, when they saw themselves converse and live amongst such great pleasures, they also thought themselves to be caught up into the Paradise of God, to live with *Mahomet* their Law-giver, and to enjoy those Delights which he promised them ; to say no more, they rejoiced that they were delivered out of the miseries of the World, and now did live another and blessed Life. But after they had, for a few days, bin made acquainted with these Pleasures, the Old Man gave again, to such as he pleased, to drink of the aforesaid intoxicating Drink, and brought them, being thereby made senseless, back again out of that *Paradise*. They then, when come to themselves, remembring what and how great Pleasures they had for a little time enjoyed, grieved above measure, and were made exceeding sad, That they were not allowed the perpetual enjoyment of those Delights ; and were willing to undergo Death it self, so they might always lead that life they had only a little tasted. Then the Tyrant, who feigned himself to be a Prophet of God, said unto them, *Hear me, and be not sad, If you be ready to undergo Death without fear, when it shall be inflicted on you for your Obedience unto me, I declare, and promise you, That you shall be made partakers of those Joys which you saw only for a season.* So these wretched Men, accounting Death as Gain, there could be nothing so hard enjoined them, which they would not willingly undergo to attain this blessed Life. This Tyrant therefore abused the said Men to the committing of innumerable Murders, because they prostituting their temporal Lives, contemned Death it self ; and did, at the command of that Tyrant, make such havock and destruction all about in that Country, that they were formidable to all Men, and no Man durst resist their madness ; so it came to pass, that many Countries and powerful Persons became tributary to that Tyrant.

C H A P. 29.

But in the Year of our Lord 1262, *Allan*, King of the *Tartars*, with a mighty Army besieged the Castle of this Tyrant, desirous to exterminate so great a Danger out of those Parts where he lived ; and after three Years took him, with all his *Affassins*, for Victuals failed them, and utterly destroyed the Place, and killed the Men.

Some *Mahometan* Writers do say, That the Siege continued above thirty Years, and that they were compelled to surrender, not for want of Victuals, but of Cloathing.

Haitho the *Armenian*, who was present in the *Tartarian* Army, tells us who this *Allan* was; and that albeit he made his Conquests of *Persia*, and the Neighbour Countries in a few Years, yet the *Assassins* held out in a long Siege. His words in his 24th Chapter of his *Eastern History* are these:

Haolon (*Marcus Paulus Venetus* calls him *Allan*) Brother to *Mango Can*, took all those Countries, (in the Empire of *Persia* and its Confines) until he came to the Country of the *Assassins*. Now these *Assassins* are *Infidels* that have neither Law nor Faith, but only so as their Prince and Lord instructed them, who was called *Sexmontius* (or perhaps *Senex de Montibus*, the *Old Man of the Mountains*, (as *Marcus Paulus Venetus*) or, *Lord of the Six Mountains*) at whose pleasure and command they did freely and readily give up themselves to Death. For the aforesaid *Assassins*, had a certain invincible Fort, called *Tigado*; which Fort, or Castle, was provided of all Necessaries, and so strong, that it could not be assaulted on any side. *Haolon* therefore commanded a certain Captain of those *Tartars*, who were the Guard of the Kingdom of *Persia*, which he had subdued, sent thither by him, to take ten thousand of them, and with them to besiege that Castle, and by no means to depart from it till he had taken it. Thence it came to pass that those *Tartars* continued in that Siege Summer and Winter for the space of 27 Years. And so at length the *Assassins* were compelled to surrender their Fortrefs, only for want of Cloathing, and not for want of Victuals, or any other Cause.

The Application of this Story, I shall leave to the ingenuity of the Reader, after he hath read and farther considered this, with the foregoing brief Description of this *Mahometan* Sect, and their Order, as I find them described in another Writer, and premised them for that purpose, and compared them with the words of a Father of the Society of *Jesus*, very little varied: For whereas he speaking of I know not what *Mahometan Tartars*, and their Mufti, or Prince, affirms, that *he did in all things apishly imitate the Church of Rome, in Matters of Piety*, I must here affirm, That as the Court of *Rome*, and their Disciples, do too Diabolically, in too many things, imitate this *Mahometan Tyrant* in Matters of Idolatry; So that of the Pope and his Assassins, the murdering Society of Cut-throat Jesuits, the Old Gentleman of the Seven Mountains, and his Life-Guards, I may well say, Like Lips, like Letters; like Prince, like People; like Mistress, like Gallants; Russian Cut-throat Bravoes to vindicate the Quarrels of the Scarlet bloody-minded Whore. The Devil who held the whole World subjected unto his Tyranny (by the fear of Death, and Terror of the Sword) before our Saviour came, and destroyed his Works, seeks now to recover those Parts of his Dominions that are revolted from him by Fire and Sword. So the *Mahometan* and *Papish* Tyrants reign, and propagate their Kingdoms by the Sword, and their Religions too.

Neque enim alia his virtus, quam querere, parta tueri.

The Pope as he is a *Chimera*, made up of several brutish Powers and Parts, so his Chimerical Kingdom, part Civil, part Ecclesiastical, part Spiritual, wars upon his Adversaries by Weapons of all these sorts at once, with the Sword of his *Assassin* Monks and Jesuits, Bishops, Arch-Bishops, and all Missionaries, sworn Foes to all his Enemies at his Altars (as *Hanibal* of old by his Father against *Rome*) before he send them thence, against their Lives: With these also, and other Instruments, against their Policy, and with his Spiritual Engines, Lyes
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in Hypocrisy, lying Wonders, counterfeit Piety, and the like, against their Souls and Spirituals. But let no Man be deceived by them, the Devil is never more a Devil, than when transformed into the sacred appearance of an Angel of Light; nor his Ministers less, but more Ministers of Satan, for pretending and appearing as Ministers of Christ. By these Works they may be known; The *Roman Wolf*, for all his Sheeps Cloathing, is easily discerned by us, by his devouring Teeth, and bloody Chaps, from a Shepherd. The Dragon in the *Revelation*, who though he had the Lamb's Voice and Horns, had the Dragon's beastly and dreadful Shape, devouring Mouth, and formidable Claws, could not possibly be mistaken for Christ's Vicar by any, but who had first given up their Faith to lying Legends; Reason, to his seducing Orators; and Sense, to his juggling Impostors, to be led by their Noses into his Mouth. A strange Religion in the mean time that is, which requires for its first Principle, that ye unman your self, renounce Sense and Reason, not in Matters of Faith, but in those which are most properly by God and Nature subjected and objected to them. And that they may worship Stocks, first transform themselves into Blocks. This *Roman Circe*, to the end that she may keep Men in Vassalage, under her filthy Lusts of Pride, Ambition and Tyranny, to serve her in those her unsatiable Passions, turns all her Lovers into every Brutal and Feral Shape and Nature, the farthest she can possible from that of Humane and Rational: Some she indulges with Wine and Women, till they be transformed to Swine and Dogs; some she transports with the fury of her Love, into ravenous and devouring Wolves, Bears, and Lions. Such were the Powder-Traytors, and the Assassins we speak of. And here follows one of her Spells, whereby she practises to make those prodigious Metamorphoses which are hardly to be believed by any who have not bin sad Spectacles, or Spectators at least of her Sorceries.

In this, as in a Mirror, we may partly see how our brave English Spirits of the noblest Families (such as Sir *Everard Digby* appears to have bin by his Letters) are transported by them to such Extasies of horrid Zeal, as to blow up whole Kingdoms, Kings, and Royal Families, with their Parliaments, at once; and think such a Design to be the best of Causes, and the most glorious Undertaking that ever animated Heroick Breasts; and to esteem Kings, Princes, Nobles, and all the choice Gentry of their Native Country, whereof many were their nearest Relations and Allies, as so many Vermin not worthy the least pitty, not worth the saving. And I think, on this occasion, it will not be improper for me to record, *Julius Cesar Vaninus*, a Noble Spaniard, and Doctor of both their Laws, the Civil and Canon, amongst our Powder-Traytors, who is so far from denying, that he glories and boasts of it, not doubting to compare himself for it with, and assume to himself the same fervour of sacred Zeal and Charity, which at once animates and illustrates the most Holy Martyrs. His words which I have inserted in the Margent, with the Title and Edition of his Book, which he wrote some ten Years before, namely, the Year after the Powder-Treason, sounds thus.

I the very least Novice of the Church Militant, being the last Year appointed and sent to *London*, to be there exercised in the Christian Prize-Games, laboured in that place of Exercise 49 days, in cutting of Stones, (he meant the Walls under the Parliament House); I was kindled and flamed with that desire of shedding my Blood for the defence of the Authority of the Catholick Church, that

Amphisheatrum aeternae providentiae
Lugduni 1615. *Exercitatione* 19. p. 115,
116. *Martyrii virtus quae in charitate consistit à confessore aliquando perfectior quam à Martyre possidetur. Quis enim inficiari eat, si non illustriori pari saltem Martyrii virtute charitateq; praeditum fuisse D. Jo. Evangelistam, atq; ex Martyribus aliquem? Ego sane vel minimus Militantis Ecclesiae Tyro, cum Anno praeterito Londini ad agomen*

nem Christianum destinatus essem, adeoque
49 diebus in latomiiis tanquam Palestra qua-
dam exercebam ea eram pro Catholica Eccle-
siae Authoritate defensanda effundendi san-
guinis desiderio accensus & inflammatus, ut
mibi à Deo immortalis vel majus donum vel
melius contingere nullo modo potuisset, ita
quidem si non superiorem, inferiorem certe
nullo martyre propria Conscientia Testimo-
nium me judicavit & confratrum, qui mecum in eadem erant Xsto & Theatro, for-
tissimi & digni sane qui tale Deo spectaculum, exhiberent. Id. Ibid Exercitatione
VIII. p. 71. He intimates his Country and Nobility.

that no greater nor better Gift, from
God Almighty, could have befallen me ;
So that I was judged, by the Testimo-
ny of my own, and the Conscience of
my Fraternity, who were exercised with
me in the same Vault and Theatre, if
not Superior, at least not to have bin In-
ferior to any Martyr.

And he concludes with great applause to himself, and his Comroque *Roman Missionaries*, the trayterous Underminers of the said Palace, as who for their Zeal and Valour, were Spectacles worthy of the Observation, not only of Angels and Men, (as *St. Paul* speaks in honour of the Holy Apostles) but the respect of the holy Eye of God himself, (he means in the act of blowing up K. & Parliament.)

But here I must certify the Reader, to the Glory of the Justice and Purity of that Heavenly Eye, which still watcheth over our Kings and Kingdoms, with a most sweet and merciful Providence, and pursues such prodigious Traytors with condign Severity and Vengeance ; that albeit this Noble *Spanish* Doctor escaped both the Hand and Eye of Royal Justice in *England*, (whose diligence ought for ever to be commended as exemplary to all Posterity) yet did he not escape from, but was pursued by the Eye and Hand of Divine Justice, to a most dreadful, shameful, untimely Death, by the Authority of the Church, for which he was so ambitious to shed his Blood, and was burnt alive as an unparallel'd Heretick, and died a professed Martyr, beyond all example ; not in confirmation, as I said before of the Authority of *Rome*, and her Errors, against the truth of Religion, Policy, and Morality, with the Powder Traytors, as he deserved and desired ; but, which is horrid to be spoken, gave up his Life in the Flames, a Testimony and Witness against all Religion, and God himself ; an obstinate and execrable Heretick and Atheist, being given up by God to that reprobate Sense, whereby ill Men, Seducers and Seduced, are justly suffered to fall into Temptations above their strength, (from which the humble and penitent are by his Grace, in Answer to their daily Prayers, delivered) whereby they inevitably grow worse and worse, till having filled up the measure of their Sins, they draw on themselves proportionable Judgments. And in these, whether we respect Sin and Punishment, and this Spiritual or Temporal, no Person, Place, or Age, hath furnished us with any Example parallel to this Powder-Traytor *Julius Caesar Vaninus* ; nor which ought to strike more terror into the minds of the Seduced Followers of the Mo-

Julius Cæsar Vaninus, in Epist. ad Lectorem, p. 2. Cencidunt, inquam, & possum feruntur Hæreses, quia Militantis Ecclesie fortissimi heroes ii, quos è Societate Jesu ducimus, ad illas profligandas excindendasq; omnes animi & corporis adhibent Machinationes. Bella arma fulmen illud Christiana Militia, Bellarminus R. Card. Meritissimus minatus est, &c. Valentia vero, Becanus, Ducæus, Suarez, aliq; complures ejusdem Sanctissime Religionis Commilitones quoties pro Catholica

modern Impostors, for he, I say, their Disciple, and who praises them above all Societies of the World, as appears in his own words in the Margent ; he obly of all Mankind died obstinately, and gloried in being a Martyr for Atheism, and a professed enemy of God, and all Religion ; so brought about by God's Justice, that we and the whole World might see, in this dreadful Instance, whether the desperate Principles of the *Roman Emissaries* lead their Disciples and Profelytes when left to themselves.

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As for Father *Parsons*, who in his old Age boasted publicly, in the Jesuits College at *Rome*, as our *Spanish* Doctor here, That he had wrought in the Powder-Mine at *London*, And all the rest who escaped God's just revenging Hand in this World, let them stand for everlastingly, demonstrative Tokens and Evidences unto us, as the Apostle teaches us, 2 *Thess.* 1. 5. of the impartial Judgment to come, wherein all Men shall stand before Christ's Tribunal, and there receive righteous Judgment, according to what they have done in the Flesh, whether it be good or evil.

Fide quam gloriosis adversus Hareses quam periculosis demicationibus decertarunt? Quam ipsos Adversarios cruentarunt, quam profligarunt? Itq; ego hac gravissimis aliis persuasus Argumentis, ceteros quidem variarum Religionum ordines qua vita integritate, qua disciplinarum cognitione, qua deniq; virtutum omnium excellentia exornatos elegantissime & gravissime stabilitos, ipsam vero Jesu Societatem pietatis & eruditionis parentem atq; altricem, Romana Ecclesie & splendori fuisse, & ornamento, ipsamq; Dei immortalis munere tanquam Romana Ecclesie Palladium, ceterarum Religionum Columnen, totius Universitatis Anchoram Hominiibus esse concessum, &c.

Here follows one of the Charms, or Exorcisms, by which our Country-men, this noble *Spanish* Doctor, and such other audacious Spirits, as they find most fit for their horrid Designs, are in their Chambers of Meditation, and other Recesses of Darkness, conjured up gradually to that prodigious Fury, as to think that in bloody Assassinations of Kings and Princes, and merciless blowing up of Kingdoms, they do acceptable Service to God, and merit everlasting Life.

A Secret Mystery of the Jesuits, delivered in French to a lover of the Reformed Religion, shortly after the murder of Henry the 4th, late King of France.

When they persuaded any Man to murder his King or Prince; after that this poor and unfortunate Man is entred into their * *Chamber of Meditation and Prayer*, this hellish Brood bring forth a Knife, wound up in a

* *The Chamber of Meditations, by which the Jesuits prepare, fit, and train up their Assassins, to these Mysteries, is thus shortly described, in a French Treatise printed 1602; whose Title is, La Franc et veritable Discours, &c. written to dissuade Henry the 4th of France, from restoring the banished Jesuits into France, in his 37 page, in these words.*

Chastell enquis (by more than three hundred Senators of the Parliament of *Paris*, a Cloud of sufficient Witnesses) *S'il n'avoit pas esse en la Chambre des Meditations, on les Jesuits introduisoient les plus grands pecheurs, qui voyoient en icelle Chambre les portraits de plusieurs diables de diverses figures espouvantables sous couleur de les reduire en meilleure vie, pour esbanier leurs esprits, & les pousser par telles admonitions a faire quelque grand cas. A dit qu'il avoit esse souvent en cette Chambre, &c.*

Chastell, who attempted to kill Hen. 4. of France, asked by the said Senators, if he had ever bin in the Chamber of Meditations, into which the Jesuits bring the most grievous Sinners; in which Chamber they set before them, and cause them to behold the hideous portraitures and shapes of Devils of sundry most terrible Figures, under a colour of reducing them to a better course of Life; but indeed and truth, so disorder and distract their Minds, in such manner, that they may be able, by such Admonitions and Advice as they give them, to achieve or undertake some great Design. He answered them, That he had bin often in that Chamber of Meditations. So they call it, but it might better and more truly be stiled, The School of Fury and Madnes.

Scarf, in an Ivory Sheath, cover'd with an *Agnus Dei*, written round about with perfum'd Characters; and when they draw out the said Knife, they cast certain

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 drops of Holy Water upon it, and then they hang upon the Hilt of the Knife five or six blessed Corals, which betokeneth that the Man shall deliver so many blessed Souls out of Purgatory, as he shall give thrusts with the Knife: When they deliver the Knife into the Murderers Hands, they speak these words: *Chosen and Elect Child of God, go forth like unto Jephtha; the Sword of Sampson; the Sword wherewith David did cut off the Head of Goliath; the Sword of Gideon; the Sword wherewith Judith did cut off the Head of Holofernes; the Sword of the Maccabees; and the Sword wherewith Peter did cut off Malchus's Ear; the Sword of Pope Julius the 2d, wherewith he conquer'd Imole, Fayence, Friuli, Bologna, and divers others: Go forth, and be of active Courage, God strengthen thy Arm.* This done, they fall down on their Knees, and the chiefest of them conjureth on this manner; *Come Chirubims, come Seraphims, Thrones that rule; come the fortunate and blessed Angels, Angels of Love, and fill this Holy Vessel with Eternal Glory, and bring him presently the Crown of the Virgin Mary, of the Patriarchs, and of the Martyrs, for he is no longer ours.* And then they say, *O powerful and invincible God, who hast revealed unto him in his Prayers and Meditations, that he must kill a Tyrant Heretick, to set the Crown upon the Head of a Catholick King, being disposed and persuaded to this Murder by us, strengthen his Sinews, and multiply his Strength, that he may fulfil thy Will; give him a privy earnest (Token), whereby he may escape from them that would lay bands upon him; give him Kings, that the Spies of the Barbarous may not overtake his Sanctified Members; dart forth thy fiery Beams into his Soul, that thereby his Body may be encouraged boldly to press through all Difficulties without fear.*

Having ended this Conjuraton, they lead him before an Altar, where they shew him in a Picture, how the Angel took up Jaques Clement Jacobine, presenting him before the Throne of God, and saying, *Lord, behold thy own Arm; behold thy Revenge, and the Executioner of thy Justice; and all the Saints stand up and give him room.* All this being done, no Man may speak with this Man but four Jesuits, who when they come to him, say, *That he appeareth to them as having some Divine Nature and God-head; and that they are so stricken and moved with the brightness thereof, that they kiss his Hands and his Feet, accounting him no longer a Man; and they make a shew, as if they did half envy him his good Fortune and Glory which he possesseth already, fetching a deep sigh, and saying unto him, I would that God had chosen me in this place, for then I should be assured to go directly to Paradise, and not into Purgatory.*

To the Reader of the following Informations and Depositions.

Let no Man flatter himself, as if Rome were ashamed, or had left off the Exercise of those her impious Frauds in our days; because these Works of Darkness are not practised in the Face of the Sun, or Men were grown more wise and virtuous in this Age than the former. The following Paper (not to speak of what is in every Mouth) testifies, That as they never want Encouragements, so they can never want Instruments for the most horrid and cruel Assassinations of Kings and Nobles, as well as inferior Persons, who with them are of no better esteem than Dogs, or most noisome Vermine; when they oppose their insatiable Lusts, which they call Religion, or cover with pretences of Piety. If any Man be offended with what I have smartly written, and endeavoured to expose to publick scorn and hate of the Doctrines and Practices of the Jesuits, abominable to God and Man, as some Translations of that kind have bin decried publick License and Light, as they well deserved, had they aimed at any other end than that of publick Justice, which allows the most detestable Practices to be spoken out in the audience of all the People. If any be offended, I say,

I would be bold to add one word to them, which is this, That all those Villanies of Cruelty, Assassination, and the Gunpowder Blow it self, had it taken effect; the poison of King *James*, if true; the Martyrdom of *Charles* the First; the Massacre of *Ireland*; the intended Poisoning or Assassination of his Majesty *Charles* the Second, whom God preserve; and with him the Massacre of hundreds of thousands of his Innocent Subjects, illustrated by *London* Flames, cannot be so justly laid by Man to them, nor can nor will be so severely required by God at the last day, at the hands of these *Roman Missionaries*, and their Disciples, the *Sworn Legionaries*, and Spies of the Popes, and Court of *Rome*, to whom they are obliged as Subjects, by all Ties Sacred and Humane, of Religion, Love, Gratitude, Glory, and hope of Salvation; as to them, who contrary to Oaths, Law, Justice, and Interest of their Country, admit, harbour, entertain, plead for, favour, and shelter them, and discourage the Informers and Prosecutors, whom Zeal to publick Good hath pressed to discover and pursue them, at the extreme peril of their Lives. Let the Case be put for Spies sent into any Enemy's Country, by any Prince, if they came as Spies, and so deserve Death, much more those that know and receive them.

'Tis no less, than a common Proverb; *Receivers make Thieves*; and in our case make Assassins, Traitors, Murderers, Poisoners, and Incendiaries.

Here the Doctor concludes with the protestation of his Innocency, That he is ready to tender an Act of Parliament, which will put all the good Laws of *England* into infallible Execution, to the Glory of God, Preservation of the King, Kingdom, Religion, Laws, and Liberties; and that what-ever Laws are henceforth made without such Provisions, as are necessary to their infallible Execution, are but mockeries of God in his Concern, and gross abuses of the Country in their Interests and Trust.

This Paper coming seasonably to my hand, to prove by what particular Law, our Modern Poisoners, Assassins, Incendiaries, Plunderers, Regicides, &c. are authorized with a good Conscience to attempt so many horrid Villanies, and protest, at their Death, their Babel-like Innocency, I thought it would be acceptable to the Reader, to find it recorded here, in the *Sorbon* Doctor's own words, as I found it printed, in his Expostulation opposed to the Jesuits printed *Thesis*, defended in their *Glaromontane* College at *Paris*.

Valerian Flavigny hath
these words in the Book
and Page quoted in the
Margent.

Perhaps this place might require me to draw hither many other Decrees and Statutes of the Inquisition — such as those which may be read in many places of the approved Decretals [or Book of the Secrets] of the Inquisition, published at *Venice* by *Marcus Antonius Zalterius*, especially in the 472, 675, 676, namely.

That it is lawful for every Man, by his own private (or proper) Authority, to take captive, strip, & also to kill *Heretics*.

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Expostulatio adversus Thesin *Claromontanam*, *Valeriani de Flavigni* Doctoris, ac Socii *Sorbonensis*, *Sacrarum Hebraicarum Literarum*, Professoris Regii in *Regio Franc.* Collegio Professorum Regionum Decani.

Pag. 9. *Forſitan poſtulareſt iſte locus, ut plura alia Inquiſitionis Decreta, aut Statuta huc adveherem---qualia ſunt illa, quæ paſſim in Decretorio Inquiſitorum approbato, & Venetiis apud Marcum Antonium Zalterium edito legi poſſunt, ac præſertim 472, 675, 676, videlicet.*

Licere propria Authoritate Hereticos capere, ſpoliare ac etiam interficere. Om-

Omnes qui aliquo Obligationis genere aliquibus tenentur adstricti, tunc liberari penitus cum illi quibus obligati erant in Hæresin incidunt manifestam.

Hereticos à die commissi criminis amittere dominium omnium bonorum.

Hereticis omne Legum auxilium, & beneficium denegatum esse, omnemque actum legitimum interdictum.

Eum apud quem Hereticus aliquid deposuit, non teneri rem depositam Hæretico restituere.

Uxorem Catholicam, & è converso, viro Hæretico debitum reddere non obligari, quia per Hæresin viri ab hoc debito liberata est; neque tamen dissolutum esse Matrimonii vinculum.

Quoscunq; vassallos, omni Obligatione etiam juramenti Religione munita, quo dominus suis tenebantur adstricti ipso jure liberatos esse. Filios Hæreticorum effici sui juris quam primum eorum parentes incidunt in Hæresin.

And so on the other side, Kings and Parents are not bound to them by parity of Law.

That all Persons who are held bound to any Person whatsoever (not excepting Kings) in what kind of Obligation soever, are then wholly freed from it, when they to whom they are obliged, fall into any manifest Heresy.

That Hereticks, from the day they become Criminal, lose all Right and Power (or Dominion) of retaining or disposing of all their Goods.

That all help and benefit of Laws is denied them; and that every legal Act is forbidden them.

He to whom an Heretick hath entrusted any thing, is not obliged to restore his trust to him.

That a Catholick Wife is not obliged not to defraud her Husband, because by the Husbands Heresy the Wife is free from that Duty, and so on the other hand; neither yet is the Bond of Matrimony thereby dissolved.

That all Vassals whatsoever are by the Letter of the Law (of right) freed from all Obligation, though confirmed by the Religious Bond of an Oath, by which they were engaged to their Lords. Children are in their own disposal, and freed from all Duty to their Parents, so soon as they become Hereticks.

So testifies the Catholick Doctor of the Laws of the Roman Court of Inquisition.

And here, because my ingenious *Romanist* shall not object against this Testimony, as he doth against the King's Evidence, that we bring only Saying and Swearing against these monsters of Men and Opinions, and no Reasons, I will give him two Arguments to prove these Doctrines to be true and necessary Points of their Faith.

And the first Reason is, Because the most Holy Popes, and Infallible General Councils, confirmed and established these Doctrines, who confirmed and established their Faith, of the real substantial Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ, over and besides all its Graces, Vertues, Powers, and Merits, to the faithful Receiver, by their incomprehensible Transubstantiation, against as clear Light of Sense in this, as of Morality utterly extinguished in that. So that they who leave the Jesuits in the Doctrine of Poisoning and Murdering Kings, cannot continue in the Communion of their Church-Mass, by the Authority of Pope or Council: Nor can the evasion help that it was ordered, but not defined; for if fallible in Practice, which is directed by Judgment, who can secure us that Judgment is Infallible, where Practice is Heretical?

My second Argument is a Demonstration, in which the infallible Pen of St. Paul gives the *Major*, That all is the Churches, and the Pope's Infallible Chair the *Minor*, The Pope, and those in his Communion, is the only Church, therefore all is theirs: and we are beholden to them that they have not long since (according to the Law of the Holy Inquisition) seized all we have; to be sure they owe

owe us nothing to whom we owe our very Lives ; and therefore we as vainly expect they should owe or afford us one Grain of so pretious a Truth, as an ingenuous confession of the present Plot, which were to contribute greatly to our Delivery, Life and Peace, the Plague and Ruin of their Cause.

And here we may see what quarter we are to expect from all those supercilious Factions, who Unchurch all Christians who symbolize not with them in all their Ceremonies, and fiercely Excommunicate them, as *Lutherans* do the *Calve-nists* at this day. That I may say nothing of our Opinionists, who found Dominion in Grace, and run from *Rome* in the Fool's Circle, till they overtake and out-go it.

Postscript or Marginal Note to Flavigni.

N.B. That *Green, Berry, and Hill*, having so good Authority (without Warrant from any General, or other Superior Commissioned from the Pope) by the legal Decree of the Holy Inquisition, to kill what Hereticks they pleased ; for them to acknowledg themselves Guilty, had bin to renounce their Holy Pope, and Holy Inquisition, which were to renounce God and Christ, and leave the Church Headless, and condemn Holy *Garnet*, and all the Red-letter'd Saints, who consecrated themselves by the Slaughter and Massacres they have made of more Protestants within this two hundred Years, than are now any where alive ; and kill'd and burnt more in two Protestant King's Reigns, than in all their Popish Predecessors ; and especially they had blasphemed their *French* and *Irish* Massacres, and *English* London-Fire, those renowned Proofs of *Roman* Zeal and Religion.

The Examination of John Lund of Iver, in the County of Bucks, taken upon Oath before me Henry Coventry Esq; one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, this 2d day of January 1678. Who being duly Sworn, and Examined; saith :

THAT upon *Tuesday*, the last day of *December* last, about six of the Clock of the same in the Evening, this Examinant being abroad to look after some Wood-stealers, he saw seven or eight Men on Horse-back coming from *Iver-Heath* towards *Iver-Town* ; and three or four of them parted and went the way toward *Rickmansworth*, and the other four came down the Land near which this Examinant stood.

One of them having occasion to Untruss, he alighted, and another held his Horse, and commanded the other two to go forward, who, as this Examinant supposeth, were their Servants.

This Examinant saith, That he was on the other side the Hedg, and very nigh this Person who alighted, and heard the one say to the other, *How are things like to go ?* The other answered, *Well enough, for as for that Inquisitive Dog Shaftsbury, and that Dog Essex,* and another whose Name this Examinant did not perfectly hear, but it was *Holle*, or *Alle*, or some such sound, *their Business should be done.* The one asked, *Which way ?* The other answered, *One Mac—— who was a clever stout Fellow, and had courage, would do it in Womens Apparel.* The other asked again, *Are you sure he will do it ?* Yes, said he, *he will ; but if he will not, there are a thousand will do it for the same Encouragement.* And this Examinant further saith, That he heard one of the said Persons say to the other, *Do not fear, nor be discouraged, for we will send their Souls to the Devil for a New-years Gift :* And then they mounted, and went forwards to a Place where the ways parted, and two of them went towards *Kingston*, and the other two towards *Windsor*. One of these Persons who had this Discourse under the Hedg, had a

black Cap on his Head, and the other a Hat ; all the Horses were dark coloured, and two of the Persons had Waste-belts on, and one of them had a laced Livery, as near as this Examinant could perceive. And further this Examinant saith not.

John Lund.

Taken before me this 24 day
of January, 1678.

HENRY COVENTRY.

This Deposition of so fresh a Date, is so full an evidence of that Diabolical Murdering Spirit, still reigning in these Roman Emissaries and Conspirators, that I shall not need to produce any other of that Cloud of Witnesses ; who with Sir Edmond-Bury Godfrey's Blood continually cry to our King, Lords, and Commons, for Vengeance ; not so much on the poor deluded Accessories and Instruments acted, as upon the Principals, and Actors, Jesuits, Monks, Friers, and Priests, whereof there is not one sent hither who hath not some Episcopal Jurisdiction, and consequently who is not a sworn Enemy to our King, Kingdoms, and Religion. If by the equity of Moses Law, he who let a wild Ox go loose, who had formerly goared others, was to answer with the price of his own Life the mischief done by such ungoverned Brutes : I leave it to God to judge betwixt this People and their Superiors, and to determine, after so many thousands of Innocents slain in our former Confusions in all the three Kingdoms, raised or promoted by these Incendiaries, at whose hands that Blood shall be required, which by any neglect of theirs, in not tying up and exterminating these Furies, may again destain and pollute this Land.

These following Propositions, to prevent Assassins, have bin perused and approved, as not unworthy of publick consideration.

*Da veniam subitis non displicuisse meretur,
Festinat Lector qui placuisse tibi.*

Pardon kind Reader what you can't commend,
This haste to please deserves not to offend.

*Other Depositions and Informations, farther discovering the Jesuital Assassins
and Assassinations.*

Mr. Oates's Narrative,

June 13. 76. Tho. Whitebread in his Chamber, told the Rector of St. Omers, That a Minister of the Church of England (he meaning Dr. Tonge) had scandalously and basely put out the *Jesuits Morals* in English, and had endeavoured villanously to render them odious to the People ; and asked the said Rector, Whether he thought the Deponent, Mr. Oates, might possibly know him ? and the Rector not knowing, called the Deponent, (who stood at the Provincial's Chamber Door and heard these words) and when the Deponent came into the Chamber of the said Provincial Whitebread, he asked him, If he knew the Author of the *Jesuits Morals* ? The Deponent answered, *His Person, but could not well remember his Name.* Whitebread then demanded, Whether he would undertake to Poison or Assassinate the said Author ? which the said Deponent undertook to do, having fifty pounds Reward promised him by the said Provincial, and was appointed to return for England.—

At the said time the Provincial said in his Chamber, That he and the Society
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of London would procure Dr. *Stillingsfleet* to be knockt in the Head, and Master *Pool* the Author of *Synopsis Criticorum*, for writing some things against them. Numb. 30.

July 78, *Richard Asbby* came to London, with Instructions from *Whitebread*, in which was an Item, with a Memorandum, for the procuring the Assassination of the Right Reverend Father in God, *Herbert*, Lord Bishop of *Hereford*; for that the said Bishop had bin educated in the Popish Religion, and was fallen, and they were resolved not to pity, nor spare any Apostate from the Roman Faith. *Asbby* also said, That Times being now ready to change, they would be ready to give, not only Apostates, but also those Hereticks that had obstinately opposed the proceedings of the Society, and their Agents in propagating the Faith, and Interest of the Church of *Rome*, a just Reward for their Apostacy, and infamous Obstinacy; and though the Parliament have taken away the Act for burning Hereticks, they should not escape the vengeance of Catholics, Numb. 33.

August 9. 1678. *Basil Langworth*, and others of the Society, did offer ten pounds to the Deponent (*Mr. Oates*) to kill *Berry*, formerly a Jesuit, now a Secular Priest, because he had written, and was about to print, some sheets of Paper in vindication of the Oaths of *Allegiance* and *Supremacy*; and in it persuaded *Roman Catholics* to a more charitable compliance with *Protestants*. And urged the Deponent, If he durst not do it himself, to procure some other to do it; assuring the Deponent, that whosoever did it, and were questioned for it, he should have a Pardon. Numb. 47.

Mr. Bedloe, pag. 42. April 75. at *Paris*, at a Consultation; two French Abbots, and several English Monks, discoursed about carrying on the Plot, to subvert the Government of *England*; to destroy the King, and the Lords of the Council, the King was principally to be destroyed, and the Government subverted, as well as the Protestant Religion. *Coleman's Tryal*.

Mr. Bedloe (*Ireland's Tryal*) pag. 44, 45. August 78. About the same time there was a discourse of a Design to kill several Noble Men, and the particular Parts assigned to every one; *Knight* was to kill the Earl of *Shaftsbury*; *Pritchard* the Duke of *Buckingham*; *Omeal* the Earl of *Offory*; *Obrian* the Duke of *Ormond*.

I will conclude these Informations, with an Account borrowed from our ingenious Country-man, a zealous Assertor of the Church, though not of the Court of *Rome*, nor their Jesuitical Parasites, Braves and Cut-throats, where you may see how these Artists imitate the Warlike *Laconian* Education of their Youth, making, by the severity of their Collegiat Institution, the Sacred War, to which they send their Missionaries, a pleasure rather than a toyl, as all they know who have had Education amongst them.

Baronius in his *Roman Martyrologie* (so writes this Modern Wit) saith, That the Holy Priests, as Innocent Lambs fattened in the Sacred Cloisters, by the Holy Society of *Jesus*, with divine Instructions for Martyrdom, (a Sacrifice acceptable to God) and the Sacred Colleges at *Rome* and *Rhemes*, have bin put to Death, because they preached in *England* the Doctrine of the Holy Romish Church. [1. King-killing, as above, in the Laws of the Holy Inquisition.] I wish he had not said it, in regard they are Envoys of the Society of *Jesus*, because they are accused to be liberal enough of other Mens Blood, [he means the Missioners and other Orders]; and therefore, though it be a commendable thing to meet Martyrdom, I would not have them guilty of sending People meerly upon that Errand, [when there is no need for it]. Then, to breed them up as Victims to God, looks as if we sacrificed them our selves, and smells a little of *Baal-Peor*. Then the word Cloister sounds like a Prison, as if we kept them in Franks, or Styes, to force them to keep their Oaths, [he means, of returning as Traitors to their Countries]

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and upon this the Hereticks would be upon our Bones, and say of the God to whom we Sacrifice them; That it must be some God of this Age, or World, or else some God of the Earth, [*i. Pope*]; for that the God of Heaven requires now no more Sacrifices at all, nor never did those of Humane Blood. But that which spoils all is the word Fatted, Greased, or Anointed. A. B. Valgrand sent me to *Lipsius Saturnals*, l. 1. c. 14. for the meaning of it. There I found the term was proper to the Gladiators, who were pick'd out of the condemned Prisoners, or miserable Slaves, and afterwards maintained in their Sacred, or rather Execrable Seminaries, to the end they might purchase or pay for their Fat by their Death. *Qui dabit immunda venalia fata sagine, Propertius*. They weary them out of their Colleges and Chambers of Meditation, &c.

To furnish such as these, the sharp-witted Prosecutors have provided, and set up at *Rhemes, Rome, Doway, Madrid, and Valladolid*, Colleges of young *English*; who as *Marcus Navarrus* writes, in his third Book of *Councils*, by an established Papal Constitution, are bound to swear, [*before they taste any of the Popes Bounty in their Colleges*] That after so many Years they shall return into *England* to publish what they have learnt, [*i. Assassination, King-killing, and City-burning, as at this day*] (I add, and they at the entrance, forswear their Allegiance also); what good hath come of this, Cardinal *Bellarmino* tells us in his *Apology for Seminaries*.

N. B. To justify our Laws against Roman Emissaries, that before they are made Priests, they are guilty of accumulated Treasons.

First, It is Felony for any Protestant to go out of this Kingdom without his Majesty's leave, much more for such a mischievous end as to be trained up in such desperate Principles in the Popish Seminaries, as are there Professed, Preached, and Taught, to the utter subversion of all true Piety to God, Allegiance to Prince; Morality, Civility, or Fidelity to Mankind.

2. They renounce their Allegiance at their first entrance into such Seminaries, which were first Instituted to teach a Foreign Allegiance to a *Spanish* Heir, against Queen *Elizabeth*, this is High Treason.

3. They swear to perpetuate this their treasonable Renunciation, by an incessant activity in Treason in their return to *England*, before they can receive any benefit of their Renunciation: This intent of Treason, were Treason, though it should never be reduced into Act here in *England*, whither it is Treason for them to come with such Traiterous Intention.

4. At and before their Ordination, their Bishops and Priests, who in *England* have Episcopal Jurisdiction, swear to be Enemies to all the Pope's Enemies, and to seek their utter ruin and destruction. I hope Priesthood, by its indelible Character, doth not blot out, but augment all the Oaths and Obligations to Treason, in consideration whereof it was, and without which it cannot be given.

5. All Priests who are of any Regular Orders, are obliged by their Oaths, to obey the Pope (if not with Blind, as Jesuits) at least with Canonical Obedience; and it appears above, and elsewhere, by the Canon of the Holy Inquisition, and the Letter of the Pope's Law, that they ought to molest us Hereticks by all manner of means, Fire, Assassination, Regicides, false Plots, News, &c. of which we have lately lamentable experience, till by mere vexation, we be driven, as thousands are daily out of other Countries, to wander destitute, afflicted, and tormented, in Exile; or to forsake our Religion, and Laws, and live Slaves with our Prince, under the Tyranny of the Pope and Devil.

FINIS.